



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AGENDA

TUESDAY

MAY 03, 2021

6:00 P.M.

- A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- C. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 1. SIGNATURES
 - 2. COUNCIL MINUTES
 - a. 04/20/2021 Council Meeting
 - 3. COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. FY 22 Budget Meeting Schedule
 - b. Notice from MMA of the mailing of the Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant reimbursement check for \$2000.00.
 - c. Memo from Shelley Abbott, Recreation Director with Status Update on Skehan Center Maintenance.
 - 4. COMMITTEE MINUTES
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- E. POLICY AGENDA
 - 1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS
 - a. Presentation of the FY22 Municipal Budget, including Sewer Budget and Capital Program.
 - 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - 3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS
- F. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- H. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Consideration on a Resolution Providing for Support for an Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (EPR) Law, *requested by resident Kelsey Conley.*

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b. Request for Council authorization for the expenditure of \$12,500.00 from the Computer Reserve Account (G-3-711-00) for audio visual equipment, *requested by Michael Chasson, IT Director.*

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

J COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

K. ADJOURNMENT

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(FOLLOWED BY THE PIN #)

1-316-462-9220 PIN 847 837 531#

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HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
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MINUTES

C-2-a

TUESDAY

APRIL 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

Councilor Eric Jarvi
Councilor Mark Cormier
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Christine Cubberley
Councilor Peter Erickson
Councilor Allen Esposito - Remotely

Paula Scott, Town Manager
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk
Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director- Remotely
Connie Reed – BACTS - Remotely
Sara Devlin – BACTS - Remotely

Deputy Mayor Jarvi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Jarvi led the Pledge of Allegiance

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor Cubberley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote 6-0.*

Resolution: 2021 – 85

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor McPike made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 6-0.*

Resolution: 2021 – 86

1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. 04/05/2021 Council Meeting
- b. 4/12/2021 Council Workshop

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. FY 22 Budget Meeting Schedule
- b. Letter of Appreciation to Hampden Police and Fire Departments

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. POLICY AGENDA

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- a. BACTS Bus Stop Policy and Design Guidelines, *presented by Connie Reed and team.*

Connie Reed and Sara Devlin from BACTS gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Bus Stop Policy and Design Guidelines. The Presentation will be posted to the Town of Hampden Website – Connie has prepared a YouTube Video.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Jarvi reported on the Council Workshop held on 4/12/2021.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council resolution to honor the Hampden Historical Society for the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

Motion: *Councilor McPike moved to honor the Hampden Historical Society for the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute, seconded by Cubberley. Vote 6-0*

Resolution: 2021 – 87

- b. Council resolution to honor Dana Tardif, PT, LMT for the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

Motion: *Councilor Cubberley moved to honor Dana Tardif for the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote 6-0*

Resolution: 2021 – 88

- c. Manager's update on Capital Projects

See attached Exhibit A

TUESDAY

APRIL 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Scott stated that the renovations in the front office are coming along nicely. The painting was done this past weekend and the replacement counter was installed. We have had a lot of positive feedback from members of the public. The next scheduled component of the renovation will be the painting of epoxy painting of the floors, after that will be the carpet and then the new furnishings.

J COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Cubberley – No comment.

Councilor Erickson – No comment.

Councilor Cormier – No comment.

Councilor McPike – No comment.

Councilor Esposito – A few weeks ago, I talked about making sure that your dogs are leashed and not running out into the road and what not and I'd like to try to just quickly touch upon people's chickens flying out into the middle of the road. I'm driving through my district and people's animals are just crossing the road willy nilly and you really need to do a better job at keeping your animals, for the safety of the animals as well as public safety. Thank you.

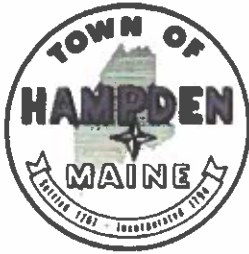
Councilor Jarvi – No comment.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk /s/

**Memorandum**

TO: Town Council
FROM: Paula Scott, Town Manager
DATE: April 15, 2020
RE: Capital Projects

In 2016 and 2018 respectively, the Town of Hampden went to referendum with requests for funding for several capital items. These included the Town's share of the improvements to Route 1-A, the Route 202 Fire Suppression Water Line, the Western Avenue signal, Sawyer Rd. and Manning Mill bridges, the Route 1-A sewer project, the Western Avenue/Dewey Street sewer upgrade and the sewer connections under the Grist Mill Bridge.

The sewer improvements on Route 1A and Western Ave./Dewey Street were to be repaid by the sewer rate payers and the Grist Mill Bridge project, along with all previously mentioned projects, was to be repaid by the general fund.

In 2019, the former manager retained bond counsel to obtain funding for these projects. It was recently revealed that bond counsel advised against bonding all projects at once, as did the auditor, but the Town proceeded with applying for funding. Funding was obtained through the State Revolving Fund and the Bond Bank for the following:

Route 1A sewer (\$924,000), the Western Ave./Dewey St. sewer (\$754,000) and the Grist Mill Bridge sewer (\$435,400), which projects total \$1,359,400.

At the same time, interim funding was obtained through Key Bank for a Bond Anticipation Note for Hampden's portion of the Route 1A MDOT project (\$1,200,000), the Water Line (\$500,000), Western Avenue signal (\$350,000), Sawyer Rd. bridge (\$300,000), and the Manning Mill Bridge (\$150,000), which projects total \$2,500,000.

As previously reported to Council at several Council meetings, the Grist Mill Bridge portion of the MDOT Route 1A reconstruction went 30 days past the deadline. As reported at the last Council meeting, the contractor/MDOT shut the bridge down on April 12th, to finish work that they could not complete when the job was shut down for the winter. Also reported previously to Council, the Western Avenue/Dewey Street project which was originally slated to begin in the late summer/early fall of 2020, was postponed to this spring in part because the detour route for the Grist Mill Bridge was up Western to Route 202, in part due to the wind mill projects that were going through, and in part because the contractor could not maintain two-way traffic during construction which was required for the detour.

Because both of these projects have been delayed, I have signed two extensions to the bond, one for the Western Ave./Dewey St. sewer project, and once again for the Grist Mill Bridge delay. Once the projects are complete, we will be able to close the bond. Additionally, of the projects funded in the interim with the BAN through Key Bank, only

the Route 1A reconstruction and the Water Line were completed. The Manning Mill & Sawyer Rd. bridges and the Western Ave. signal have not even begun. The closing date for the BAN is November of this year. We will be applying for the bond in August of this year. Alternatively, we are considering applying for another, or extending the current Bond Anticipation Note.

As it stands right now, it would appear that the three remaining projects that need to be completed, would not even be completed until 2023 due to other MDOT projects. Because of that, I believe they should be rebid. Original cost estimates that we received were based on 2018 pricing. We cannot pay more than what the voters authorized unless we utilize funds from other sources.

To complicate matters further, as mentioned already in this memo, it was the intent of a former Council that the Grist Mill Bridge project should be repaid by the tax payers and not the sewer rate payers and we have coded invoices to reflect that. As it turns out, even though the ballot clearly stated that intent, because the funds for the project were from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which finances only sewer and water infrastructure, and because the improvements are assets of the Sewer Department, the payments must be paid from the sewer enterprise fund. We can still expense out a payment from the general fund to the enterprise fund with an offsetting revenue account in the sewer budget, but the actual expense is that of the Sewer Department. I mention this to you for informational purposes prior to the auditor's presentation to the Council, likely at the first Council meeting in May.

David Johnson, our Deputy Treasurer, has some experience in this realm and we have been in discussions with our auditor, the Bond Bank and Key Bank. We are still working on determining the best route to take and will update Council accordingly. This memo serves to inform you, I will not have much more to report on Tuesday, but I can try to answer any questions you may have.

TOWN OF HAMPDEN
FY22 BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE

UPDATED SCHEDULE

C-3-a

Feb. 20, Saturday 9:00 am	Council Goals & Objectives session – at Skehan Center Possibly the 27th, Council will decide Tuesday	
April 29, Thursday	Proposed budget delivered to Councilors (due to them by May 1 st , per Charter)	
May 3, Monday: 6 pm	Town Council Meeting Town Manager Presentation of Proposed FY22 Budget	
May 5, Wednesday: 6 pm	Administration General Assistance Elections	Town Council Outside Agencies County Tax
May 10, Monday: 6 pm	Public Safety Police Fire IT (includes GIS/mapping	Assessor Planning Economic Development Council workshop – as needed
May 12, Wednesday: 6 pm	Highway Municipal Garage Municipal Building Stormwater Management	Building & Grounds Solid Waste Marina
May 17, Monday: 6 pm	Town Council Meeting	Education (RSU 22)
May 19, Wednesday: 6 pm	Capital Program Reserves Revenues	Sewer Non-departmental utilities Debt Service
May 24, Monday 6 pm	Library Recreation	The Bus Lura Hoit Pool
May 26, Wednesday: 6 pm	Possibly RSU District Budget Meeting at Hampden Academy	
May 31, Monday:	Memorial Day	
June 3, Thursday	RSU 22 District Budget meeting at Hampden Academy	
June 7, Monday: 6 pm	Town Council Meeting – referral of budget to Public Hearing	
June 8, Tuesday:	RSU 22 Budget Referendum	
June 21, Monday: 6 pm	Town Council Meeting Budget Public Hearing	
June 28, Monday:	Contingency date for Public Hearing if necessary	



Paula Scott <townmanager@hampdenmaine.gov>

Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant Application for Spring 2020

1 message

Safety Grants <safetygrants@memun.org>

Mon, Apr 26, 2021 at 3:40 PM

To: "swebber@hampdenmaine.gov" <swebber@hampdenmaine.gov>

Cc: "townmanager@hampdenmaine.gov" <townmanager@hampdenmaine.gov>

Dear Chief Webber:

On behalf of the MMA Workers Compensation Fund, we are pleased to send the Town of Hampden grant reimbursement check for \$2,000. The check was mailed to the town office.

The check is payment for the Spring 2020 Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant awarded to your department for purchasing of Load-Bearing Vests (10).

If you have any questions about your grant award please call Jennette Holt at 624-0140. Your interest in workplace safety is appreciated and we are glad the MMA Workers Compensation Fund could assist you with your safety efforts. Together we are building safe communities.

App: Spring-20-064

Jennette Holt
Loss Control Technician

Risk Management Services

Maine Municipal Association
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FAX (207) 624-0127
www.memun.org



memo

Town of Hampden-Recreation Department

To: Hampden Town Council
From: Shelley Abbott; Recreation Director
CC: Paula Scott; Town Manager
Date: 4/28/2021
Re: Status Update Skehan Center Maintenance

Comments:

Penobscot Temperature Controls began the installation of a small oil boiler to heat the building hot water on April 5, 2021. The installation was completed on April 27, 2021. Final adjustments are being made to the system for temperature, and recirculation in the coming days. This new system operates independently of the building heat boiler and both downsizes and bypasses the existing original building system to meet current demands of the operations of the Recreation Department at the Skehan Center. This will allow us to continue to shut down the large boiler providing heat for the summer months to save on electricity and oil expenses.

Hampden Electric is scheduled to be onsite on May 6 to replace the two gym LED light fixtures that have failed. A possible rewire may be required to relocate one of the fixtures away from the HVAC ceiling blower units.

A painting vendor has been hired to assist with scraping and painting the exterior alcoves above the lobby windows and doors, as well as the side gym exit doors. Work should be completed by the end of June.

Additional Quotes for some of the projects discussed during the February 2021 Goals and Objectives are still being solicited. The FY 22 budget request will include additional monies to continue to complete ongoing maintenance needs.



Gayle Decker <clerk@hampdenmaine.gov>

EPR on Hampden's Council Agenda

1 message

Kelsey Conley <kelsey.conley@maine.edu>
To: Gayle Decker <clerk@hampdenmaine.gov>

Tue, Apr 27, 2021 at 1:59 PM

Hi Gayle,

I spoke with our mayor and gained clarification on why my previous motion regarding EPR for packaging was removed from the town council's agenda. I listened very closely to the concerns of the council and after taking into consideration their advice, I have reformatted my request. I know that Hampden is not a proclamation town and thus I am not asking that our council endorse any specific piece of legislation. Instead, I am asking that the town council pass a local resolution in support of the general concept of extended producer responsibility for packaging. This local resolution would bear no attachment to any bill but instead represents the people of Hampden and their desire for recycling reform by imploring the state of Maine to look into extended producer responsibility for packaging laws. EPR for packaging would ensure that towns like Hampden are reimbursed for the disposal of packaging they are currently providing corporations at taxpayers' expense.

Now that I have clarified my request, I would like to again speak on the significance of this issue for the record. Maine has had a goal of recycling 50% of our municipal waste for over 32 years but we have never come close to achieving it. Meanwhile, over 40 countries and multiple Canadian provinces have EPR programs already in place and they have recycling rates that are double what Maine's are. In Maine, packaging currently accounts for nearly 40% of the waste and it costs taxpayers' anywhere between \$16-17.5 million dollars each year to handle the end of life care of these products. Taxpayers should not be on the hook for footing a bill handling waste that they have little to no control over and EPR would ensure that producer's share in the responsibility of end of life care, thus removing the burden of taxpayers. Moreover, by requiring producers to share in the responsibility of end of life care of their products, we will strengthen our recycling infrastructure, divert waste from landfills, make recycling more cost-effective, and encourage producers to develop more eco-friendly packaging. Hampden is a town full of people who value the outdoors and the key to keeping our little Penobscot adjacent town so beautiful is to promote environmentally friendly solutions like EPR that hold companies accountable and encourage eco-consciousness.

To accompany my request, I have attached several documents. First there is a fact sheet on EPR, then a draft of a resolution supporting the concept of EPR for packaging laws, and lastly a few examples of resolutions passed in other towns for you all to review. Thank you again for your time. As always, I am happy to answer and questions and clarify any confusion. I can be reached at 207-459-4877 or this email.

Best regards,

Kelsey Conley

5 attachments

NRCM municipalities EPR factsheet.pdf
836K

EPR Local Resolution-recyclingreformmunicipalities2021.pdf
247K

topsham-recycling-resolution.pdf
199K

Trenton-recycling-resolution.pdf
221K

waterville-EPR.pdf
77K



TOWN OF HAMPDEN

TOWN COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR:

**SUPPORT FOR AN EXTENDED PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING (EPR) LAW**

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Hampden Town Council, acting as the
Municipal Officers, as follows:**

**That, In the spirit of EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility), the Town of
Hampden supports the concept of the EPR Packaging Law and we encourage the
Legislature to continue working to develop a policy.**

Signed, a majority of Councilors of the Town of Hampden: Dated: _____

Shelby Wright, Mayor

Eric Jarvi, Councilor

Christine Cubberley, Councilor

Peter Erickson, Councilor

Mark Cormier, Councilor

Ivan McPike, Councilor

Allen Esposito, Councilor

Signed, Town Manager:

Paula A. Scott, Town Manager

Attest: Town Clerk:

Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk



New Recycling Law Would Reimburse Towns for the Cost of Recycling

The Maine Legislature has shown support for a type of law called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging that will reduce the cost burden for Maine's municipalities and help them manage recycling programs more effectively.

When fully implemented, this proven solution is projected to save Maine taxpayers \$16-17 million annually, by shifting the responsibility onto big, multinational corporations that are responsible for introducing packaging waste into Maine's municipal recycling programs in the first place. These corporations are already paying for local recycling programs in Canada, Europe, and dozens of other countries where EPR for Packaging has been implemented.

Municipal participation in an EPR for Packaging reimbursement program will be optional. Towns can choose to be reimbursed in order to reduce tax burden on residents or continue funding their recycling programs through tax revenues.

Frequently Asked Questions about How EPR for Packaging Will Save Towns Money

How will the program get implemented?

EPR for Packaging in Maine would be implemented by a stewardship organization that is responsible for coordinating recycling improvements across the state and delivering payments to cities and towns from the big corporations paying into the program. In other countries that have successfully implemented EPR for Packaging, a stewardship organization also provides a wide range of services such as data tracking and design guidelines to help make recycling the best it can be.

How will reimbursements to towns work?

The EPR for Packaging law directs the stewardship organization to calculate reimbursement payments for the costs associated with collection, processing, and transportation of recycling, using data that towns submit for their reimbursements.

- Maine's municipalities will be grouped into "similar municipalities" based on factors that influence the cost of recycling packaging.
- Reimbursement for recycling will be distributed to similar municipalities annually and on a median per ton basis, and reimbursement for non-recyclable packaging is on a per capita basis.
- A town may be reimbursed more than its actual costs if its costs are below the median.

This reimbursement method is designed to promote efficient municipal recycling programs. It will be the stewardship organization's job to help towns figure out everything they need to know to get reimbursed, and to provide guidance on

"The cost of recycling has skyrocketed... EPR for Packaging is a step in the right direction by asking producers to be part of the solution."

—The Maine Municipal Association



What will towns need to do to participate?

To get reimbursed, towns will need to collect all of the “readily recyclable” materials in their community. The EPR for Packaging law defines “readily recyclable” as materials that can be processed in Maine and have had a consistent market for the past two years. The program is designed to incentivize corporations to develop packaging materials that can be more easily recycled because the manufacturers who use non-readily recyclable packaging will have to pay more. Those funds will be used to expand recycling infrastructure in every participating Maine community.

How will towns be able to use the reimbursement funds?

Since towns have already budgeted for and expended the funds, they will be able to use the money they are reimbursed however they wish. Some towns may choose to make improvements to their recycling programs or start a composting program.

How will the law impact Maine's local businesses?

The law was specifically crafted to exempt the majority of Maine's businesses that provide the economic backbone to our cities and towns. It is designed to target large, multinational corporations that are responsible for our waste problems and that already pay for local recycling programs in other places around the world. For more details, see NRCM's EPR Fact Sheet for Businesses.

How does the new law protect the price of consumer goods?

We know from regions where EPR for Packaging has been implemented that businesses can save money through design efficiencies. Since the cost to companies required to participate is fractions of a penny per container, EPR programs do not cause increased prices for consumers. Experts who deliver these programs in other regions across the world report that there is no evidence these very minimal costs are passed onto consumers through price increases.

The price of consumer goods is defined by a wide variety of factors such as geography, shifting economic markets,

and consumer behavior and sensitivity. We also know from Maine's other product stewardship laws, like the Maine Bottle Bill, that producer responsibility programs don't raise prices. The cost of soda in Maine is the same as it is in places that don't benefit from a bottle deposit law.

One of the primary reasons Nova Scotia's provincial municipal association has lobbied their legislature to adopt EPR for Packaging is because the costs of consumer goods are the same in their province as they are in neighboring Quebec, where an EPR for Packaging law was implemented in 2004.

Will EPR for Packaging be considered by the 130th Legislature?

Yes, the proposed EPR for Packaging bill will be considered by lawmakers in the 130th Legislature and will be reviewed by the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. The bill was resubmitted after receiving widespread support from Maine people and municipalities in the previous legislative session, which was cut short due to the coronavirus pandemic. For updates, you can sign up for NRCM Action Alert emails or visit NRCM's bill tracking web page at www.nrcm.org.

Who else supports this law?

EPR for Packaging has received broad support from Maine people, municipal officials, and local businesses. Supporters included the Maine Municipal Association, Maine Resource Recovery Association, ecomaine, TOMRA, 20 municipalities representing more than 200,000 Mainers, the Environmental Priorities Coalition, and many more. The public hearing for the bill in the previous legislative session lasted eight hours and had 163 people testifying, with 73% supporting the bill.

This is just what my town needs!

What can my town do to show support?

NRCM worked with the Maine Municipal Association to draft a municipal resolution that towns can adopt to show their official support. NRCM will deliver the resolutions to the Legislature in 2021.





Natural Resources Council of Maine

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To Maine's Municipal Officials,

Thank you for operating a recycling program in your town. Maine people overwhelmingly want access to recycling. We recognize the cost burden of managing municipal solid waste through your annual budget, and we know that market changes for recycled commodities are currently upending many of Maine's recycling programs. That is why we are asking you to join a new statewide effort to reform recycling in Maine by shifting the cost burden away from taxpayers.

Recycling Reform is a campaign to implement an Extended-Producer Responsibility for Packaging law here in Maine. These laws are used all around the world and are proven to save taxpayers millions, while greatly improving recycling. This type of law has the power to:

- **Save Maine municipalities between \$16 and \$17.5 million each year.** Cities and towns would be reimbursed for any recycling costs by the corporations and brand owners that produce packaging into our state, like is done all over the world. Towns would still have control over their recycling programs; and could keep any revenues generated.
- **Protect our recycling programs and make them more resilient to market changes.** Right now, many municipalities are being forced to stop, cut back, or pay more for their recycling programs because of the expense. The key to making our recycling programs more sustainable is to change who pays for them.

How you can help: One simple way that your municipality can show support for Recycling Reform for Maine is by adopting the attached resolution language. Please send to sarah@nrcm.org. We will compile the documents and present them to the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, at the next opportunity to pass Extended-Producer Responsibility for Packaging legislation.

You can visit www.recyclingreform.org to find more information on this very important policy initiative. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah K. Nichols, NRCM Sustainable Maine Director
(207) 430-0170 or sarah@nrcm.org



RECYCLING REFORM FOR MAINE

More Effective • More Sustainable • More Equitable

Whereas, Maine's communities are struggling to maintain, expand, and in some cases are eliminating, recycling programs due to rising costs and difficult-to-manage materials; and

Whereas, product packaging, which includes plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard, constitutes approximately 30-40% of the materials managed by weight in Maine's municipal waste management programs; and

Whereas, Maine taxpayers currently unfairly bear 100% of the cost and pay an estimated \$16 million to \$17 million each year to finance the management of this material through fragmented and increasingly expensive disposal or recycling options; and

Whereas, producers of product packaging have little incentive to minimize wasteful packaging or increase access to recycling; and there is no organized coordination between the producers of packaging and municipalities that are responsible for disposing of or recycling the packaging materials; and

Whereas, producers of product packaging have taken some or all responsibility for the management of post-consumer packaging in other parts of the world, including all European Union member states and five provinces in Canada, and, as a result, have greatly increased recycling rates, expanded infrastructure investment, created jobs, and reduced taxpayer costs;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,

We, Maine's municipalities, support an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging law. We believe that this policy will work to make recycling in Maine:

More effective: Producers of packaging materials would have a direct economic incentive to produce less-wasteful packaging that can easily and profitably be managed by municipal recycling programs. Having shared responsibility between those who create the waste and those who manage the waste would foster recycling system improvements and enable greater participation in recycling across Maine;

More sustainable: An EPR law for packaging is an insurance policy for Maine municipalities when global recycling markets are unfavorable. The current approach to recycling is not resilient to fluctuations in the global recycling market. When commodity prices fall unexpectedly, towns and cities may be forced stop or restrict their programs; and

More equitable: Maine's cities, towns, and taxpayers are currently footing the bill for a problem they didn't create. With recycling reform, taxpayers will no longer pay for the cost of recycling since the net costs of recycling would be reimbursed—and the packaging manufacturers that produce less-wasteful, more recyclable packaging would pay less than those who do not. This is a much more equitable way to distribute costs.



Memorandum

TO: Paula Scott, Town Manager
FROM: Michael Chasson, Director of IT
DATE: 4/27/21
RE: Reserve Request

As you are aware, earlier this year the equipment used in for recording, broadcasting and live streaming our council meetings suffered a power supply failure. The manufacturer of this equipment assisted us by supplying a "loaner" unit to get us through until we were able to source a replacement.

One of the Goals and Objectives that I presented to council during our budgeting discussions was upgrading our AV system for the council chambers. This work has been quoted and we have included it in the budget for the next fiscal year. Having the equipment in place would make this upgrade easier to accomplish as this main piece of hardware would already be installed and configured. The manufacturer has also recently inquired when we would be making a purchase so we can return the loaner unit to them.

In the interest of both making sure these upgrades go smoothly and returning this borrowed equipment I think it is a good idea to get this device replaced before the 21/22 FY. I am therefore submitting a reserve request of 12,500 dollars for the purchase of this equipment.




LEIGHTRONIX

System Quotation - Equipment and Services Detail List

March 1, 2021

Prepared for: Town of Hampden

Model Number	Description	Qty	List Price	Extended
Television Automation / Video Servers				
 UltraNEXUS-HD-X5	HD/SD-SDI Video Server / Automation Controller with 5TB Internal Storage - Record/Playback - HD/SDI and Composite Video Output	1	\$12,495.00	\$12,495.00
SYSTEM SUB-TOTAL - List Price				\$12,495.00
Discounts				
SPECIAL DISCOUNT	UltraNEXUS-HD X5 Upgrade Program Discount - \$500 Off MSRP	1	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
TOTAL DISCOUNTS				-\$500.00
SYSTEM TOTAL including Discounts - List Price				\$11,995.00

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